

Onion Producing States

3273. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of major onion producing States in the country and quantity of onions produced by them in the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the details of steps taken to increase onion production, Centrally Sponsored Schemes launched or proposed to be launched and steps taken or proposed to be taken to provide a proper price to the growers and to provide them storage godowns especially in Orissa.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Year-wise production of onion in major producing States during last three years is given as under :

(Production in thousand tonnes)

State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (Advance)
Maharashtra	907.7	1183.6	1329.0
Gujarat	619.0	1462.1	550.0
Karnataka	517.4	588.4	544.0
Andhra Pradesh	328.0	478.0	407.0
Uttar Pradesh	262.8	318.1	369.0

(b) Government of India is implementing following schemes/ programmes to increase onion production, provide proper price and storage facilities to the growers of the States/UTs of the country including Orissa;

(1) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development of Vegetables including Root & Tuber Crops for improving production and productivity. The scheme envisages production of quality planting material of vegetables including onion and potato, seed village concept, transfer of advance technology through laying out frontline demonstration plots at farmers fields and training to the farmers, onfarm post harvest handling etc.

(2) The Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for construction/ Modernisation/Rehabilitation of cold storage and storage capacity for horticultural produce through National Horticulture Board. The scheme envisages creation of 12.00 lakh tonnes additional cold storage capacity, 8.00 lakh tonnes Modernisation/Rehabilitation of cold storages, and 4.50 lakh tonnes

storages capacity for storing onion in various States and Union Territories of the country.

(3) Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is being implemented for horticultural crops including onion for providing proper price to the growers on specific requests of State Governments. The Scheme envisages the procurement of the determined quantity of produce at an agreed price for a specific period to arrest downward trend of price and assure remunerative prices to the farmers. Losses, if any, are shared on 50:50 basis between Central and State Governments. NAFED is the central nodal agency for procurement under MIS scheme.

Technology Mission for Oilseeds and Pulses

3274. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched technology mission for the promotion of oilseeds and pulses;

(b) if so, the State where the technology mission has been launched;

(c) whether it has been launched in Orissa;

(d) if so, the specific areas in that State where the technology mission has been launched; and

(e) the amount spent thereon so far during Eighth and Ninth Plan, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two schemes namely Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) have been launched by Technology mission for increasing the production of Oilseeds & Pulses in the country. The States covered under these schemes are as under :

States Under OPP

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.